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CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW

THE BISHOPS' IRONIC, AT TIMES ALMOST
 SARCASTIC TONE, HAS PRODUCED A BLATANTLY POLITICAL DOCUMENT DESIGNED
 TO EXERT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE PRESSURE ON THE JUNTA

THE CHURCH'S STATEMENT HAS DRAWN A HARSH RESPONSE FROM JULIO DURAN,
 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION. DURAN HAS LABELED THE
 CHURCH A "POLITICAL PARTY" WHICH VIOLATES THE BAN ON PARTISAN
 ACTIVITY, AND A S SEEKING TO CONTROL PUBLIC OPINION. THE GOVERNMENT
 ITSELF HAS YET TO RESPOND.